

A. A. U. Attacked for Its Action in Case of Jim Thorpe, Who Admits His Being a "Pro"

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Expressions of Sympathy for Jim Thorpe, Carlisle Indian, Heard on Every Side Today.

TROPHIES RETURNED TO JIM SULLIVAN

Foreign Nations Expected to Renew Complaints Against American System.

May Join Pirates.

Jim Thorpe, according to reports from Pittsburgh today, will play first base for the Pirates this season, having signed a contract last fall. From Carlisle it is reported that Thorpe is undecided as yet just what he will do, now that he is declared a professional athlete.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Nothing but expressions of sympathy were heard in every quarter over the plight of "Jim" Thorpe, the big Indian athlete who was yesterday "condemned out of his own mouth" of the sin of professionalism because he played baseball—a true American sport—with a now defunct league and has thus been read out of amateur athletics and all of the trophies that he won by his gallant work in Sweden ordered returned to the Olympic committee. But there was much bitter condemnation for the management of the A. A. U. for the manner in which it has handled the Thorpe case, as contrasted with hundreds of cases of real professionalism right here in the metropolitan district.

The committee right, it was conceded, in repudiating Thorpe and in ordering the return of all his prizes. But there was an undercurrent of resentment that the committee had not taken cognizance of the fact that the big Indian had played professional baseball before his Olympic entry was put through. It was admitted that if the A. A. U. had any real method of investigation, the force which will certainly be seized on by the nations of the world, the "pond" to renew their attacks upon American athletic methods would have been prevented.

The present registration methods of the A. A. U. are antiquated. There are many number of professional athletes reading as amateurs and it was pointed out that Thorpe, who played the game for the love of it, had been disqualified although he received no money. While Brickley, the Harvard football star; Flynn, of Yale, and a score of others during the recent football season earned more for one article from their pens and in most instances they did not actually write a sentence—that Thorpe did for a whole season of ball playing "in the bushes." But they retain their amateur standing.

Recognition is Due. There was a general feeling among the real lovers of athletics today that something should be done to give Jim Thorpe the recognition that his mighty deeds deserved despite the fact that all of the records he established are now automatically wiped out by the action of the A. A. U. Thorpe's clean break of the matter, saving time and trouble, was accepted as a real proof of sportsmanship and although the trophies of royalty will go to others, sports experts unanimously conceded today that Thorpe would be more respected than ever for not having tried "to lie out of it," as other "amateurs" have done in the past and for not having "sold out" because the A. A. U. committees have not been too persistent in their investigations.

The trophies won by Thorpe are already en route to Jim Sullivan's office and will be immediately sent back to Sweden to be given to the constants who finished second to the incomparable Indian.

Here's Thorpe's Letter. "Department of the Interior, "United States Indian Service, "Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 26, 1913. "James E. Sullivan, New York, N. Y. "Dear Sir: When the interview with Mr. Clancy, stating that I had played baseball on the Wabash-Salem team was shown me, I was very much surprised. It was not true, and, in fact, I did not play on that team. But so much has been said in the papers since then that I went to the school authorities this morning and told them just what there was in the matter. I played baseball at Rocky Mount and at Fayetteville, N. C., in the summer of 1909 and 1910 under my own name. On the same teams I played with were several college men from the North who were training and playing during their vacation and who were regarded as amateurs at home.

Money No Object. "I did not play for the money there was in it, because my property brings me in enough money to live on, but because I liked to play ball. I was not very wise to the ways of the world, and did not realize that this was wrong, and it would make me a professional in track sports, although I learned from the other players that it would be better for me not to let any one know that I was playing, and for that reason I never told any one at the school about it until today.

In the fall of 1911 I applied for re-

IT'S NO EASY MATTER TO HOLD A JOB IN A MUSIC STORE—By Goldberg



BRITISH ATHLETES APPROVE EXPOSE

Glad That Thorpe Made Frank Confession and Pleased at Return of Trophies Won.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—British athletes generally expressed approval of the exposure of Jim Thorpe, the Indian athlete, as a professional, and also commended the American for his frank confession. "Because of Thorpe's indiscretion by the American Olympic committee and the Amateur Athletic Association, Thorpe's status as an amateur was accepted without question by the international council," said Capt. W. S. Jones, secretary of the British Olympic Committee.

Jockey Club Refuses To Discuss Brown

The officials of the Jockey Club decline absolutely to discuss the attack of H. D. "Corby" Brown, promoter of the race meets at the Laurel track, until they have conferred with counsel. August Belmont, chairman of the club, may issue a statement in a few days, though, it is said, Edward Burke, manager of the Havre de Grace track, says he is not in sympathy with Brown and is well satisfied with conditions at his track and with the supervision of the Jockey Club.

Guard Completes Its Basketball Schedule

Captain Edwards has completed the last part of the schedule of the District National Guard Basketball League, the original dates having included games up to January 21, only. The remainder of the dates follows: February 2, 1st vs K 2nd; February 5, 2nd vs K 1st; February 7, 2nd vs E 1st; February 12, 1st vs F 2nd; February 14, K 2nd vs E 2nd; February 17, K 1st vs L 1st; February 19, E 2nd vs F 2nd; February 21, 2nd vs K 2nd; February 24, 1st vs K 2nd; February 26, K 1st vs E 2nd; February 28, E 1st vs F 2nd; March 2, 1st vs K 2nd; March 5, K 2nd vs E 1st; March 7, F 2nd vs E 1st; March 10, pick teams of either league.

admission to this school and came back to continue my studies and take part in the school sports, and, of course, I wanted to get on the Olympic team and take a trip to Stockholm. I had Mr. Warner send in my application for admission in the A. A. U. after I had answered the questions and signed it. I did not know that I was doing wrong, because I was doing what I knew several other college men had done, except that they did not use their own names.

Realizes Mistake. "I never realized until now what a big mistake I made by keeping it a secret about my ball playing. I am sorry I did so. I hope it will be partly excused by the fact that I was simply an Indian schoolboy, and did not know about such things. In fact, I did not know that I was doing wrong, because I was doing what I knew several other college men had done, except that they did not use their own names. "I have always liked sport, and only played on races for the fun of the thing and never to earn money. I have received offers amounting to thousands of dollars since my victories last summer, but I have turned them all down, because I did not care to make money from my athletic skill. "I am glad, Mr. Sullivan, to have it all spelled in this way, and I hope the Amateur Athletic Union and the people will not be too hard in judging me. "Yours truly, "JAMES THORPE."

A. A. U. FACES STORM OF PROTEST OVER METHODS, MEANS AND MEN IT IS USING

Thorpe's Case Arouses Indignation Everywhere at Ways of Whitewashing Athletes.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

In the train of the charges of professionalism admitted by Jim Thorpe, world's all-around champion, American all-around champion, and acknowledged greatest football player of the season of 1912, come red-hot complaints against the methods of the A. A. U. However, it things go along as they have generally in the past, everything will simmer down and the Indian athlete will be the only sufferer.

Thorpe's case is but one to engage the amateur athletic world this season. He admits he played bush league baseball, and, on that account, he is to be blacklisted by the A. A. U. and to have his records expunged from the record books. His trophies, won at the Swedish Olympic games, will be handed over to Swedish athletes who finished second to him, and the American committee will apologize for entering a professional. The matter will then be settled.

However, followers of athletics will hardly be satisfied. There is so much two-faced action by A. A. U. officials every year that the murmuring is rapidly increasing into a roar against their methods.

According to rules now in vogue, a college baseball player taking money from a bush league club in the summer is considered a professional and barred from appearing in sports under the jurisdiction of the A. A. U. That is the rule which hits Jim Thorpe, the untutored Indian who knew so little of chicanery that he used his own name while college men on his team went under pseudonyms.

What Amateurism Is. Amateurism is supposed to be sport for sport's sake. An athlete is supposed to engage in it merely for the love of it, accepting nothing for his efforts, save the prizes offered to winners. That's what it is supposed to be—but it isn't.

Let any man in Washington endeavor to run an amateur meet in this city and endeavor to obtain some of the crack athletes from the New York clubs and see what he is up against. No, they don't want appearance money. It is called "expenses." That's why it sometimes costs \$100 to have a champion from New York to Washington for a six-hour ride in the most connected with official A. A. U. positions. They mount up in the course of a year, and that's why, in every department of the organization, officials may be found representing corrupt organizations. It exists right here in the South Atlantic division of the A. A. U.

The Turn Of It. The peculiar turn of the amateur view may be shown by two incidents of late. A college baseball player earns money in summer because of his baseball ability. They don't have professional football teams, but New York papers were willing, and did, to pay Charlie Brickley and "Lefty" Flynn fat sums for the use of their names over football stories last fall.

Now we know what Roger Bresnahan is going to do with the money he received from Mrs. Helene Hathaway Britton, owner of the Cardinals. He's going into the minstrels. He's going to hold "Money Boy" Evans to a promise made just the moment the "Rajah" was fired by his boss. Furthermore, with his money in the show, Roger is going to act as interlocutor, a position for which he is eminently fitted. Yep, Roger looks great in an open-face shirt.

Georgie Evans, beloved of every baseball man in the land, asked his friend Bresnahan to purchase part of the stock in the company, perhaps never thinking the Cardinal boss would ever accept the offer. But Roger is now willing to take a chance with the easy money he got from the Cardinals, and may close the deal before the minstrel troupe hits the Capital February 9 for a week at the Columbia Theater.

Had Brickley and Flynn not been excellent football players they never would have received that money. They earned it by their ability on the grid-iron.

Percy Haughton, for five years professional head coach of the Harvard football eleven, enters in the amateur racquet championships, and no comment is made upon his action. His entry is accepted and he plays, winning his match last Saturday in Boston.

If a man is professionalized, in any way, shape or manner, how can he engage in amateur sport? Yet Haughton is a professional at football and an amateur at racquets. If being professionalized is taking money for athletic knowledge or ability, why isn't Brickley a professional? Under this very rule Jim Thorpe today stands as a professional athlete.

The time has come for a new deal

GUARDSMEN WILL BACK MEMORIALS

Captain Edwards, of N. G. A. A., Declares A. A. U. Has No Right to Interfere With Ten-Mile Run to Be Held Here February 8.

By KIRK C. MILLER.

"At least a half dozen athletes from the National Guard Athletic Association will enter the ten-mile run to be held by the Memorial Athletic Club February 8, and this number may be swelled to ten before the entries close."

Above are the words of Capt. C. Eugene Edwards, president of the National Guard A. A., and every member of that organization is going to stick by him in his effort to have athletics in the District of Columbia run on an unhampered basis.

"The Amateur Athletic Union has no jurisdiction over the proposed run of the Memorial A. C., and so long as the athletes are amateurs, they are qualified to run under the Amateur Federation of the District of Columbia, which authority to forbid those who wish to enter the Memorial run, from so doing."

Captain Edwards claims that the A. A. U. officials in Washington, which include the chairman of the registration committee and the vice president, were not elected by the Washington clubs, but were chosen for those positions at a meeting in Baltimore at which no athletic club of the District was represented. He therefore argues that these officials, neither of whom represents any athletic organization, have no right to a place on any committee or in any office of the Amateur Athletic Union.

"We want the followers of sporting events in Washington to understand that we have withdrawn from the A. A. U. We are not fighting that body; but we have organized a District Amateur Federation under which head we are prospering better than we ever did under the A. A. U.," were Captain Edwards' remarks to the writer today.

"Our Amateur Federation does not bar members of the A. A. U. from competing in its ranks, but it does refuse to pick up members that have been rejected from the larger body."

Edwards declared that the National Guard will stick by Coach Foley of the Memorial Club, and the militiamen will enter any meet run that is scheduled in the District, so long as strictly amateur athletes are contestants.

Time for New Deal Declared to Be Due to Clean Up World of Athletics.

the many cases of professionalism in their own ranks, allowing men on non-existing clubs to hold offices, having officials in meets who know nothing of the event in which they are judged, it would be better that the organization be wiped out altogether and a new one take its place. That can't come any too soon, either.

HILL TOP NINE TO GO TO NEW HAVEN

Georgetown Plays Yale on Its Home Diamond on March Twenty-fifth.

Georgetown will meet Yale on the New Haven diamond this year on April 25, according to Manager Harrington, of the Blue and Gray forces. The two teams are scheduled to play a game in Washington a month earlier, on March 25, and in case each nine succeeds in winning a contest a third battle will be staged in the Connecticut city early in May.

Last year Yale won the series from the Hilltop by capturing the second and third contests by 6-3 and 13-0 scores respectively, after losing the first battle 2 to 1, accordingly Coach Harley's aggregation will be especially anxious to win two out of three in order to even up for the reverses of 1912. Chris Flenn pitched the only game that the Blue Nines won against Yale, and as he is still in the fold he will in all probability be selected to oppose the Blue nine in all three contests this spring, unless some one of the new men come through with great pitching ability.

Rock Hill A. A. Names Officers for the Year

ELLIOTT CITY, Md., Jan. 28.—The Athletic Association of Rock Hill College held its regular meeting yesterday and the following officers were elected: President, Philip B. Tallafiero; vice president, J. Leo Mueller; secretary, Edmund Callahan; treasurer, Russell J. Fucy.

The principal topic of conversation was the baseball schedule, which was submitted in its income state, there being sixteen games booked and nine to be closed. The schedule, as proposed, is an extremely strong one and was unanimously adopted.

Manager Tallafiero was requested to finish his schedule at the earliest possible moment, and also to make arrangements to secure a good coach for the team. No name was suggested at the meeting, but Tallafiero will endeavor to secure some names by the next meeting, and then submit same.

For the first time in years, Rock Hill will have a Southern trip, and thus far three games have been arranged for it, two in Richmond and one in Fredericksburg.

HOWARD TO COACH NAVY TEAM AGAIN

Will Be Offered Position for Next Season and Is Expected to Accept It.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 28.—Lieut. Douglas L. Howard, who has coached the last two of which defeated the Military Academy eleven, will be asked to take charge of football at the Naval Academy next season. Lieutenant Howard has a great record as a winner. In 1905 he captained the team which played a game with the Army at Princeton. He broke the long series of Army victories. He was one of the coaches in 1910, when the Navy won, and was head coach in the two following years, in each of which a Navy victory was scored. After being head coach for two seasons, Lieutenant Howard is still much younger than any other man who has filled the position, and no other Navy coach has succeeded in piloting two teams to victory over West Point.

Navy will play football against Georgetown next fall, though the date has not been definitely fixed. Lehigh and Pittsburgh Universities will be two other opponents. The date of the game will be November 1. It was hoped that Princeton would agree to come to Annapolis, but the Navy's schedule could not be induced to give the Midshipmen a date. Swarthmore, one of the Navy's opponents last season, has also declined a game.

Rodes, who captained the team and played quarterback, will leave the Naval Academy within a few weeks. The Academy has two excellent men in Nichols or Miles, it is possible that Gilchrist, who has been elected captain, may handle the team from the pivotal place. Gilchrist played end on the team of 1910 and 1912 and quarterback during the season of 1911, so he would be no novice in the position.

The Navy football management has communicated with the Army authorities, and suggested that the game next year be played on November 23, the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day. The Army has not yet agreed to this date, and it is understood that it strongly prefers a date a week earlier. There is no prospect of a serious difference of opinion on the question of a date.

Johnson Signs Up.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Ellis Johnson, a right-handed pitcher, of the Illinois Wisconsin League, was signed by the Chicago American League club today. Manager Callahan stated that he would put Johnson in the box at the beginning of the season for a thorough test.

DECISIVE VICTORY FOR U. OF VIRGINIA

Charlottesville Quint Defeats North Carolina Agriculture and Mechanical.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Jan. 28.—Judging from Virginia's play in its game with North Carolina A. and M. College last night, the Blue and Orange quint appears to be in fine fettle. The game with Georgetown here on Saturday. Before the rapid attack of the Charlottesville team the visitors had no chance whatever and dropped a decidedly one-sided affair—23 to 10. Virginia scored as she would in each half, and her two forwards, Galt and Stickley, caused the invaders much trouble by their ability to shoot goals. While Rixey, at center, contributed materially. The defensive work of Maiden was most effective.

Although the game was all Virginia's, and characterized by an unusual amount of roughness, there were many indications that the Blue and Orange team is in the North Carolina League. It will be his first managerial experience.

Earl Mack, Manager.



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